

TAFE NSW WorldSkills e-news

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41st WorldSkills International Competition ExCeL, London 5 - 8 October 2011

The 41st WorldSkills International Competition was staged at the impressive ExCeL centre in London.

With 90,000sqm of floor space of skill categories, an estimated 200,000 visitors coming through the site over the four days and over 3000 individuals which included competitors, experts, delegates and official observers it was an impressive sight.

The Team Australia 'Skillaroos' consisted of 28 young Australians from various trade and skill backgrounds. Fifteen of the twenty eight competitors were from New South Wales.

The four day event have the Australian team represented in 27 trade skills categories and competed the world's elite in their respective discipline area.

TAFE NSW were also represented by 19 officers that were selected to perform roles that included; experts, mentors, team leaders and support staff at the International competition.

Team Australia performed extremely well at the competition by winning 1 Gold, 4 Silver, 5 Bronze, 15 Medallions of Excellence and 3 Certificates of Participation.

TAFE NSW Competitor Results:

**Gold & - Benjamin Houghton - Electrical Installation - Macquarie Region
Best In Nation**

Silver - Guy Brooks - Welding - Illawarra Region
- Kate Crocker - Restaurant Service - Sydney Region
- Kye Szeniak - Car Painting - Sydney West Region

Bronze - Micheal Theobald - Manufacturing Team Challenge - Macquarie Region
- Lester Tibbles - Bricklaying - Macquarie Region

Medallions of Excellence

- Craig Agnew - Autobody Repair - Hunter Region
- Gustavo Ascitutto - Painting & Decorating - Sydney West Region
- Michael Ashton - Construction Metal Work - Illawarra Region
- Ben Cooper - Cabinetmaking - Sydney West Region
- Phillip Little - Plumbing & Heating - New England Region
- Richard May - Landscape Gardening - Sydney Region
- Alex Odgers - Beauty Therapy - Hunter Region
- Andrew Seeley - IT Software Solutions for Business - Sydney West

Certificate of Participation

- Blake Cannell - Web Design - Sydney West



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WorldSkills International Competition *images*

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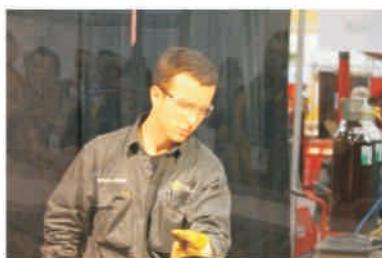
Kate Crocker & Brigitte Collins



Phillip Little & Benjamin Houghton



Craig Agnew at work



Michael Ashton with the 'Aussies' looking on



Alex Odgers works on her model



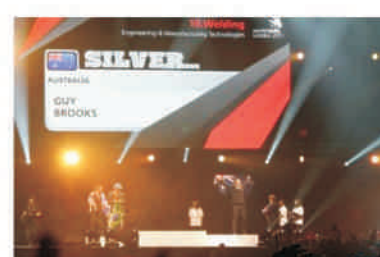
Richard May finishes off the garden



Benjamin Houghton focussed



Gustavo Asciutto with his work



Guy Brooks receiving his silver medal



Andrew Seeley concentrates



Lester Tibbles checks the levels



Brian Johnson with Kye Szeniak



Ben Cooper on the mitre saw



Micheal Theobald behind the PC



The Supporters on hand when
Blake Cannell finishes

Sydney Regional Landscaping Competition

Ryde College - 4 November



On Friday 4 November the Sydney Regional Landscaping Competition was held at Ryde College.

Category convenor Kris Cadogan reported that it was "a great success, good weather with some very close and competitive spirits." Kris also added that it was good to see that many of the competitors included their families, friends, employers and co-workers in the day.



(l-r) Daniel Sperinck (Bronze), Andrew Nicholson (Gold) and Shaun Keegan (Silver)



Andrew Nicholson and his gold medal award winning garden

Kurri Kurri Try 'a Skill

Kurri Kurri Campus - 18 November



On Friday 18 November the annual Year 6 Try 'a Skill was held at the Hunter Institute - Kurri Kurri Campus.

This event is unique in the aspect that the invited students for the day were from the Year 6 - Priority Schools Program (PSP). In addition to the students being invited, was a parent or guardian invited to attend with their child. The aim is to begin the process of informing the students about careers and what vocational education has to offer whilst having fun and trying over 30 trades and skills on offer.

The parents and guardians that attended on the day were also exposed to possible new careers, the opportunity to talk to the TAFE staff and also able to explore what is available through up skilling through the TAFE NSW Institutes.

Over the course of the day there were over 300 students with another 200 parents in attendance and 45 Hunter Institute staff from an array of campuses that made that day a great success.



NSW Minister of Education's WorldSkills Recognition Function Parliament House, Sydney - 23 November

On Wednesday 23 November the Hon Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education MP hosted a WorldSkills Recognition Function at Parliament House, Sydney.

The evening function was to recognise, congratulate and celebrate the great achievements of the NSW Competitors, Experts, Mentors, Team Leaders and Supporters in returning from the 41st WorldSkills International Competition in London.

In addition to the Team Australia NSW members, guest included Pam Christie - Deputy Director-General, Ministers and MP's, members of the TAFE NSW Board, WorldSkills Australia Board, TAFE NSW Institute Directors, WorldSkills Australia representatives and family and friends of the competitors.

The Minister presented each of the NSW 'Skillaroos' with a Certificate of Recognition whilst Pam Christie had the honour to present each of the Experts and Team Leaders with a certificate to recognise their commitment, time and devotion in the training and development of the competitors.



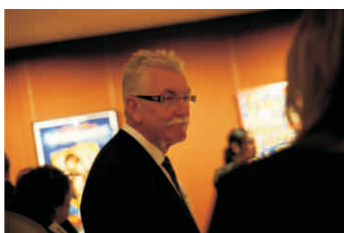
(l-r) Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Jarrad Langdon, Jim Barron, Mark Callaghan



Hon Adrian Piccoli MP delivers the welcoming address



(l-r) Noel Munkman, Marion Fitzpatrick, Darren May & Donna DeMaria



MC for the evening Phil Cox, Hunter Institute - Institute Director



John Shiel WSA Technical Delegate (centre) & Troy Everett (right)



(l-r) Alex Odgers & Hon Adrian Piccoli MP



Kye Szeniak delivers the competitors Vote of Thanks



(l-r) Pam Christie & Michael Kirkwood-Smith



(l-r) Gustavo Ascitto, Andrew Seeley, Micheal Theobald, Blake Cannell, Craig Agnew, Richard May, Michael Ashton, Kate Crocker, Kye Szeniak, Alex Odgers & Phil Cox

Illawarra Regional Presentation Night

Wollongong - 18 November

TAFE Illawarra hosted the Illawarra Regional WorldSkills Competition awards night at Wollongong Campus on Friday 18 November 2011.

The competitions this year has featured 200 competitors competing in 23 categories including Automotive, Baking, Bricklaying, Business Services, Garment production, Hairdressing, Meat Retail, Plumbing, Restaurant Service and Welding to name a few.

"The competition has been very exciting this year and we have again witnessed the amazing talent that exists here in the Illawarra," said Troy Everett, Illawarra Regional Chairperson.

"This year has been an extremely busy year for WorldSkills. TAFE Illawarra recently hosted the Global Skills Challenge and now the Illawarra Regional WorldSkills competition. We also had competitors involved in the International Competition," he added.

"We were extremely pleased with the two competitors who took part in the International Competition. Guy Brooks won a silver medal for Welding and Michael Ashton received a Medallion for Excellence in Construction Metal Work," he said.

"Each of the competitions held this year have gone extremely well especially with the assistance of the staff and category convenors that have gone above and beyond the call of duty," he said.

"We are also very proud of the fact that we have four Chief Experts from our region in categories such as Bricklaying, Plumbing, Construction Steelwork and Welding. This is the largest number of Chief Experts in any region worldwide," he added.

"This year all the competitors have conducted themselves in a very professional manner and were more than willing to have a go and test themselves as well as learn at the same time," he said.



The 2011 Illawarra Regional Competition winners

2011 DOGHOUSE CHALLENGE



On Saturday 26 November the annual TAFE NSW Doghouse Challenge was held.

The venue for this year's 9th TAFE NSW Doghouse Challenge was at Bunning's Warehouse - Hoxton Park.

In addition to the Doghouse Challenge, the Hoxton Park store provided additional kids entertainment in the form of jumping castles, downs, face painting, food and other amusements. The BBQ was run by the RSPCA staff with all proceeds going to the community organisation along with the completed kennels to assist in further fundraising.

MC for the challenge was Rob Palmer from Better Homes & Gardens who engaged and got the crowd involved whilst the TAFE NSW teams were putting their flat pack kennels together.

With all the teams receiving the same materials from their local Bunning's Warehouse stores, it came down to the unique designs, construction techniques, decoration and team work on the day.



North Sydney - Joinery & Shopfitting



Newcastle - Joinery & Shopfitting



Newcastle - Furniture & Forest Trades



Katoomba - Beauty Care



Miller - Carpentry



Lidcombe - Cabinetmaking



Lidcombe - Furniture Design



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Gymea - Carpentry

The Results:

Award	College/Section	TAFE NSW Institute
RSPCA Award	Lidcombe College Cabinetmaking Section	South Western Sydney Institute
Bunning's Award	Lidcombe College Furniture Design Section	South Western Sydney Institute
Best Teamwork Award	Gymea College Carpentry Section	Sydney Institute
Best Design Award	TAFE NSW WorldSkills	NSW
Best Plans and Instructions Award	Miller College Carpentry Section	South Western Sydney Institute
Eco-Friendly Design	North Sydney College Joinery & Shopfitting Section	Northern Sydney Institute
Most Original Award	Katoomba College Beauty Care Section	Western Sydney Institute
Runner Up Award	Newcastle College Furniture & Forest Trades	Hunter Institute
2011 Doghouse Challenge Overall winning team 1 st Place	Newcastle College	Hunter Institute

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